Prime Minister's visit to China

287. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's visit to China has been fixed; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Although Prime Minister has been invited to visit China, no dates have as yet been fixed. As members will appreciate, considerable preparatory work will require to be done before such high level visits are undertaken.

National Desert Park in Barmer

288. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national desert park has been set up in Barmer district of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the tate Government of Rajasthan, an area of 3162 sq. kms. in the Jaisalmer and Barmer Districts has been decalared as a Sanctuary in August 1980 and the intention to declare it as a National Park was notified in May, 1981. However, the final notification is yet to be issued. Since a sizeable area of the proposed national park is likely to come under the command area of Rajasthan Canal Project, only the core area of about 10 per cent of the total Sanctuary area is likely to be finally notified as a National Park. The remaining area will continue to be a sanctuary. The main objectives of creating a Desert National Park in the area is the conservation of the desert fauna and flora and the resoration and preservation of the arid land Ecosystem, including the prevention of its further deterioration.

Setting up of Puppet Government in Namibia

289. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the racist South African regime has installed an interim Government in Namibia;

(b) whether the Government of India propose to raise the issue in international forums; and

(c) what other remedial steps Governments propose to take in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) it is a fact that despite universal condemnation, including by all members of the UN Security Council, the racist South African regime has gone ahead and installed on "interim government" in Namibia on 17th June, 1985. India, along with five other non-aligned countries, tabled a resolution in the UN Security Council declaring the action illegal and null and void, and stating that no recognition would be accorded to the "interim government" either by the United Nations or any member-State. This resolution was adopted by the Security Council on 19th June, 1985.